

Corunna High School

Class of 1944

Updated 7-4-2023



Edward J. Bebiak
3-19-1927
Deceased 3-5-2008



Delsina Knapp
4-10-1948

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Edward Bebiak

Just two weeks shy of his 81st birthday, Edward Bebiak of Owosso passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at his residence.

A time of celebration will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Nelson-House Funeral Home.



During his career, he was the self-employed founder of Ed Bebiak Contractor and was joined by his eldest son, Edward James Jr., until his retirement. His son carries on his legacy, now known as Bebiak Painting & Decorating.

Edward was born March 19, 1927, to Czech immigrants, Joseph and Mary (Bulik) Bebiak. As a first-generation U.S. citizen, he graduated from Corunna High School with the class of 1944 and served in the Army during World War II.

On April 10, 1948, he married Delsina Knapp of Owosso. They raised five children and lived their entire lives in Owosso. She predeceased him Feb. 1, 1996.

Ed was a very gifted handyman known for lending a helping hand to friends and strangers alike. He played the accordion and piano well, turning any tune into a polka song — his favorite music, which thoroughly delighted him! Always soft-spoken, humorous and witty, he will always be remembered as being kind-hearted, loyal and a generous friend and father. Family was his first priority. He was especially thrilled to meet his first great-grandchild, Zach, last year.

He is survived by: three



daughters, Jacqueline (Richard) Schutt, Barbara J. (Bryon) Hutson and Marti Ann (Jeff) Gould; two sons, Edward James (Linda) Bebiak Jr. and Patrick J. Bebiak; grandchildren, Peter (Amy) Schutt, Emily Schutt, Eric Gould, Scott Gould, Courtney Bebiak, Ali Bebiak, Heather (Tim) Vickery and Julie (Jason) Power; great-grandchild, Zachary Schutt; two sisters, Tillie Galbavi and Ann Gleason; several nieces and nephews; and two sisters-in-law, Loretta Bebiak and Marge Bebiak.

He was predeceased by: his wife, Delsina; special friend, Joyce Veytruba; four brothers; and two sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Healthcare Hospice.

Anyone wishing to send online condolences to the family may do so at www.nelson-house.com.

Nancy Rose Benford

Grafton Moore

1944

Jack Boursmith
11-16-26
Deceased 8-5-2016



Jean Schooley
9-18-1948

Jack was born on November 16, 1926 and passed away on Friday, August 5, 2016. Jack was a resident of Corunna, Michigan at the time of his passing. He graduated from Corunna High School; Class of 1944. Jack proudly served his country from November 23 1944 to July 19 1946 in the Navy as a Radioman on Aircraft Carrier Kula Gulf CUE 108. He was married to Jeanne. Funeral Services will be held 1pm Monday August 8 2016 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Corunna with Reverend Russ Merrill officiating. Burial will follow at Pine Tree Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Nelson-House Funeral Home on Sunday August 7 from 2pm to 4pm. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Corunna VFW Post 4005 or St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Donald A. Bowman

Vivian ...

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Everett Brookhouse

Everett Brookhouse

8-11-1926

Deceased 1-9-2011 Everett Brookhouse age 84, of Alma, passed away Sunday, January 9, 2010 at Warwick Living Center in Alma with his family by his side.

Everett was born August 11, 1926 in Corunna, Michigan the son of Herman and Sadie (Sytsma) Brookhouse. He married Martha Tuinsra on June 17, 1949 in Grand Rapids. He worked as a service manager at Contractors Machinery in Grand Rapids, retiring in 1984. Everett was a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed bowling, golfing and working on cars.

Everett is survived by his wife, Martha of Alma, children, Dave (Kayla) Brookhouse of Alma, Bruce (Diane) Brookhouse of North Carolina, Shari Cardoza and Jon Brookhouse both of Grand Rapids, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Also a brother, Lee (Geneva) Brookhouse and a sister, Doris Weller both of Holland.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Al, Jack and Ben Brookhouse.

A family memorial service will be held Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 11 am at Warwick Living Center in Alma. Memorial contributions may be made to Mel Trotter Ministries, 363 E. State St., Belding, MI 48809. To view Everett's obituary online or to leave a condolence for the family

at www.luxfuneralhomes.com

Martha Tuinsra
6-17-1949

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Charles Joseph Carland
5-16-1926
Deceased 12-30-2008

Margie E. Shepard
7-18-1953

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Charles 'Joe' Carland

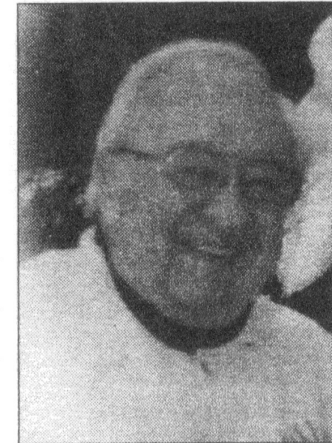
Age 81, of Bay City passed away Sunday evening, Dec. 30, 2007, at his residence with his family at his side.

He was born May 16, 1926, in Corunna and had resided in Bay City for the past 48 years.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. He was the president of Carland Machinery and was the supervisor of Bangor Township for eight years. Joe was a member of BPOE Lodge 88, Bay City Lions Club and served on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Bay County for many years. He graduated from Michigan State University and completed its law program, attended Delta College and Central Michigan University. Mr. Carland served with the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the VFW Post 5065 in Corunna.

He is survived by his wife, Margie E. Carland whom he married on July 18, 1953 in the Corunna Episcopal Church; three children, Charles Brian Carland of Bay City and his fiancée Kim Bailey of Petoskey, Catherine McLaren Marr of Johannesburg, South Africa and her husband Richard Marr of Grand Junction, Colo., and Christopher James and Marla Carland of Akron; six grandchildren, Andrea Carland, Charlie Sumner Carland, Chelsea Marr, Joseph Marr, Michael Ruppel, Tommy Ruppel; one great-granddaughter; Caylyn Ruppel; one sister-in-law and brother-in-law; Kathryn and Lary Schlaack; and his nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father and mother, Charles and Madge Carland; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Franklin and



Louise Shephard; two brothers, James and Mike Carland; and two brothers-in-law, Jim and Dale (Jean) Shephard.

The Carland family would like to extend a special thank you to Visiting Nurse Services of Michigan, especially Dr. Dandamudi, Dr. Parmer, Marie, Deb and Karen for the kind and compassionate care they provided for Mr. Carland during his illness.

At the request of Mr. Carland, cremation will take place and there will be no visitation at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc., Bay City. A Memorial Service will take place the first week of April 2008 at Trinity Episcopal Church and the date and time will be announced in a later edition of the paper.

Memorial contributions will be available at the funeral home for Trinity Episcopal Church, American Lung Association and American Heart Association.

Arrangements by Gephart Funeral Home, Inc., 201 W. Midland St., Bay City, MI 48706. 989-686-2291.

Joan Leah Crowe
8-20-1926
Deceased 10-5-1998

James R. Knox
10-18-1947

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**Joan Leah
(Crowe) Knox**

Age 72, of Swartz Creek, died Monday, October 5, 1998, at her home.

Mrs. Knox retired from Swartz Creek Schools as the secretary of transportation after 20 years of service.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, October 8, 1998, at Swartz Creek United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Thomas will officiate. Visitation will be today 11 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Rd., Swartz Creek.

Mrs. Knox was born in Corunna, August 20, 1926, the daughter of George and Grace (Eveleth) Crowe. She had lived in Swartz Creek since 1950. She married James Richard Knox, October 18, 1947, in Juddville.

Mrs. Knox was a 1944 graduate of Corunna High School. She was a member of the Eastern Star in New Lothrop and a member of Swartz Creek United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, James; three sons, Richard Knox of Swartz Creek, Kenneth and Sherrill Knox of Swartz Creek, Chris and Diane Knox of Clio; six grandchildren, Jennifer, Joseph, Jeffroy, Jeremy, Kristy, Katy Jo; sister, Maxine Claxton of Corunna; mother-in-law, Dorothy Knox of Corunna; sister-in-law, Clara Crowe of Corunna.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Charles Crowe.

Those desiring may make contributions to Hurley Hospice.

Esther M. Dixon
4-28-1926
Deceased 6-5-2000



George Surik
10-22-1949

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Barbara Ellis

2-14-1927

Pink Schooley
7-27-1946



BARBARA SCHOOLEY

Celebrates her 75th

Barbara J. Schooley of Corunna celebrated her 75th birthday on Feb. 14, 2002.

She is the daughter of Louise Mokash and the late Robert Ellis. She was raised in Venice Center, attended Owosso High School and graduated from Corunna High School, class of 1944.

She married Earl (Pink) Schooley on July 27, 1946. He died in 1990.

Mrs. Schooley was employed at Redmond's, Owosso Auto Auction, Corunna Drug, Little Giant Food Market, the Shiawassee County Health Department and Ron's Sew & Vac.

She has three daughters: Veronica Evans of Fishers, Ind.; Cynthia (Bill) Butcher of Corunna; and Laura (Sandy) Duffield of Owosso.

Seven grandchildren – Norman (Josie) and Ian Merlet, Bill (Ann) Butcher, Melissa (Mike) Belmer, Nathanael, Caleb and Grace Duffield; and two great-granddaughters, Madison Louise and Cady Jane Butcher – complete the family.

Mrs. Schooley has one brother, Keith Ellis, and a sister, Laurae Brown.

She was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party on Feb. 2 at the Owosso Knights of Columbus hall. It was attended by more than 100 family members and friends.

Guests attended from Boyne City, South Haven, Harrison and the Owosso-Corunna area, as well as from Georgia and Indiana.

Barbara Ellis
2-14-1927
Deceased 8-27-2022



Pink Schooley
7-27-1946

Barbara J Schooley
Loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandma

Age 95 of Owosso passed away Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Memorial Healthcare.

Funeral services will be held 1pm Tuesday August 30, 2022 with Pastor Doug Levesque officiating. Burial will take place at Pine Tree Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Nelson-House Funeral Home on Monday from 2pm till 8pm at the funeral home. Visitation will also be from 11:00 am until time of service on Tuesday.

Barbara was born February 14, 1927 in Owosso, the daughter of Robert and Louise (Wondal) Ellis.

She graduated from Corunna High School, class of 1944 and was a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church where she was active with the Ladies Alter Guild and Episcopal Church Women.

Barbara was a Respite volunteer and enjoyed attending all her grandkids activities be it games, recitals, anything that her Grands were involved in.

She married Earl(Pink) Schooley Jr in Corunna on July 27, 1946; he predeceased her in March 1990.

Barbara was a homemaker and spent her life raising and caring for her family as well as working at Shiawassee County Health Department. Many years at Little Giant in Corunna, along with various part time jobs.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Veronica Evans and Laura (Sandy) Duffield; grandchildren Norman (Josie) Merlet, Ian Merlet, Bill (Ann) Butcher, Melissa (Mike) Belmer, Nathanael (Jade) Duffield, Caleb (Ashley) Duffield and Grace (Tyler) Strachan; great-grandchildren Madison, Cady, Sam, Brooke and Cynthia Butcher, Jack Belmer, Carter and Eliana Duffield , Rowen Duffield, Bauer Strachan; sister Laurae (Gene) Brown; brother Keith Ellis; other loving family and friends. Special friend Carol Nama who she met through Respite that became family to her & the rest of the family.

She was predeceased by her husband, daughter Cynthia Butcher, son in law's Jackson Evans and Bill Butcher, Sr.

Special thanks to Memorial Long Term Care who treated our Mom with loving care and respect.

Hazel M. Hann

Burt Eldridge

1944

Rose Marie Keyes

1944

Maurice B. Kribs
11-15-1926
Deceased 2-8-2014

Betty Keyes (44)
11-29-1948

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Maurice 'Mick' Kribs

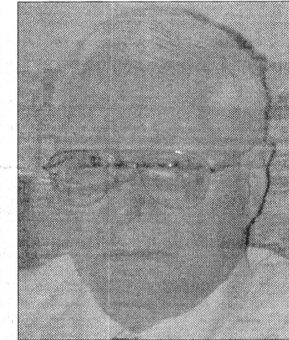
Nov. 15, 1926 - Feb. 8, 2014

Age 87, of Corunna, passed away Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at the Masonic Pathways Nursing Home in Alma.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, at 2 p.m. at Watkins Brothers Funeral Home, Corunna Chapel, with the Rev. Russell Merrill officiating. Family will greet friends Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Pine Tree Cemetery in Corunna.

Mick was born Nov. 15, 1926, in Flint, the son of Herbert and Wealthy (Bailey) Kribs. He was a graduate of Corunna High School, class of 1944, and then graduated from the mortuary science program at Wayne State University in Detroit. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the American Legion of Owosso. On Nov. 27, 1948, he married Elizabeth Mae Keyes in Corunna. They were married 64 years before her death in 2012. He owned and operated the former Kribs Funeral Home in Corunna.

After his retirement from the funeral business he worked for Meijer in Corunna. Mick was a lifetime member of the Owosso Masonic Lodge, was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of several Masonic organizations in the Scottish and York Rites, a Shriner and a Past Patron of Owosso Chapter of O.E.S. He was also a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a lifetime member of Corunna Rotary



Club.

Mick is survived by children Michael (Catherine) Kribs of Flushing, Dan (Cheryl) Kribs of Owosso and Kathleen Kribs of Corunna; grandchildren Jamie (Edmund) DeCaria of Chicago, Matthew (Stephanie) Kribs of East Lansing, Sarah (Robert) Potter of Corunna, Justin (Ashley) Kribs of Hudsonville, Katie Kribs-Potter of Corunna and Victoria Kribs of West Virginia; great-grandchildren Elena, Lucia, Yovani, Kaily, Keaton, Mariana, Cora, Alexis, Braylon, Korbin, Maison, Delaney, Hudson and Breckin, and one more expected in July; sister Natalie Kribs; sisters-in-law Marie (Louis) Sommers, Patricia Barnard and Margaret Keyes; several nieces and nephews; and special friends Terri, Breanna and Jarod Langdon.

He was predeceased by his son Kelly and infant brother Kelly.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Webster Davis/Kribs House or the Shriners.

Online condolences can be sent to www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Erwin Charles LaHaine
11-15-1925
Deceased 11-20-1979

E.C. (Dick) LaHaine

E.C. (Dick) LaHaine, 54, Harrisburg, Pa., died suddenly Tuesday at his home.

Born in **Corunna** Nov. 15, 1925, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Erwin** LaHaine. He attended school in Corunna and at the University of Alabama.

He resided in **Corunna**, Grand Rapids and Harrisburg, Pa. during his lifetime. Mr. LaHaine was an engineer employed by the state of Pennsylvania.

He is survived by: His wife, Rebekah; a daughter, Denise, at home; his parents of Grand Rapids; and an uncle living in Owosso.

A funeral for Mr. LaHaine is to be held Monday at Neill's Funeral Home, Harrisburg, Pa.

Rebekah ...

1944

Orville LeCreux
Deceased 4-1-2017

Mary Helen Libra
12-7-1926
Deceased 3-27-2019



Edward Chrenko
6-14-1947

Chrenko, Mary H. Swartz Creek Age 92, died Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Funeral mass will be celebrated 11 AM Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 4413 Morrish Road, Swartz Creek with Fr. Louis Ekka celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Swartz Creek. Visitation will be held 2-5 and 6-8 PM Monday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, our temporary location at Hill Creek Church, 5363 Hill Rd., Swartz Creek where a rosary will be prayed at 7 PM Monday. Visitation will also be held 10 AM - 11 AM Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church or the Swartz Creek Food Pantry. Mary was born December 7, 1926 in Owosso, the daughter of Frank and Barbara (Dedic) Libra and was a gradate of Corunna High School. She married Edward A. Chrenko on June 14, 1947 and he preceded her in death on September 27, 2013. Mary and her husband, Edward owned and operated the Creek Theatre and the Sports Center in Swartz Creek for many years. She was very active in many ministries at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Mary was a member of the Friendship Club Czech Singers. Surviving are: eight children, Linda (Roger) Bloss of Swartz Creek, Dan (Alice) Chrenko of Northville, Diane Chrenko of Redford, Pat (Terry) Matzke of Swartz Creek, Jim Chrenko of Swartz Creek, William Chrenko of Swartz Creek, Sherry (Matt) Lupo of Essexville, Rob Chrenko of Clawson; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great great-grandson; two sisters, Frances (Winell) Rogers of Corunna, and Agnes Lund of Flint. She was preceded in death by: her parents; husband, Edward; infant grandson, Christopher Chrenko; daughter-in-law, Jayneen Chrenko; two brothers and three sisters.

Dorothy V. Rasmussen

1944

Mildred Davis Schultz
5-30-1927
Deceased 3-9-2012



John J. Schultz
9-30-1943

Mildred Schultz, age 84 of Corunna passed away on Friday, March 09, 2012 at the Hospice House of Shiawassee County.

A Memorial Service will be held 11am Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Corunna United Methodist Church with Pastor David Strobe officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday from 10am until the time of service.

Mildred was born May 30, 1927 in Corunna, the daughter of George W. and Nella M. (Kinny) Davis.

She graduated from Corunna High School, class of 1944, served on the Corunna Board of Review, was a member of the Corunna United Methodist Church and the Corunna VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Mildred was active as both a Cub Scout Den Mother and a Girl Scout Brownie Leader.

She enjoyed ceramic painting, scrap booking, singing in the church Choir and traveling with family and friends; there were only 3 states she had not visited.

Mildred married John J. Schultz on September 30, 1943.

Retiring in 1990, Mildred had been employed through the years at Universal Electric, Mitchell Corporation, the Shiawassee Intermediate School District (SRED) as a driver and as a Real Estate Agent in Owosso.

She is survived by her children John M. (Karla) Schultz, Keith (Colleen) Schultz, Dawn (Mark) Van Strate; seven grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters Gertrude Zwolensky, Joyce Hughson; many nieces, nephews and other loving family members.

Mildred is predeceased by her husband John, 1 sister and 1 brother and a great-grandchild.

Memorials contributions are suggested to Hospice House of Shiawassee County.

Leora Fay Stull
2-20-1926
Deceased 4-29-2008



... Matthews

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Leora Matthews

Leora Fay Matthews age 82 of Owosso died Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at Sparrow Health Systems, Sparrow Campus, Lansing, Michigan.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Jennings-Lyons Chapel Owosso, MI on Friday, May 2, 2008 at 11:00 AM. Pastor Eric Numerick and Pastor Scott Seelhoff will officiate with burial at Sciota Cemetery Sciota Township, MI. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, from 2-8 p.m. with the family present 2-4 & 6-8 p.m.

Leora was born in Petersburg, Michigan on February 20, 1926 the daughter of Ralph Lewis and Ethel Neomi (Nevel) Stull. She resided in Shiawassee County since 1930 and graduated from Corunna High School with the class of 1944. Leora worked for Universal Electric as the secretary to the plant manager for 19 years before retiring in 1989. She enjoyed her close friends and playing cards. Leora was a member of Life in Christ Christian Church as well as the Quilters Club and she was a 4-H teacher.

She is loved & remembered by seven children & their spouses; Phillip & Lucille Matthews of Laingsburg, MI, Ken & Marsha Matthews of Bartlett, IL, Durwood & Bonnie Matthews of Owosso, MI, Jerry & Kathy Matthews of Laingsburg, MI, Theone & Rodger Schmidtfranz of Ovid, MI, Theora & Steve Semans of Ovid, MI, Marcia & Robert Hardaker of Owosso, MI, 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 3 on the way. She is predeceased by her parents.

Memorials may be made to the family. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Jennings-Lyons Chapel, Owosso, MI.

Norman L. Stewart

Phyllis J. ...

1944

Kenneth W. Tobey
6-3-1927
Deceased 4-6-1992

Dorothy ...

When Kenneth W Tobey was born on 3 June 1927, his father, Howard E. Tobey, was 26 and his mother, Erma Arlene Quay, was 21. He lived in Venice Township, Shiawassee, Michigan, United States for about 62 years. He died on 6 April 1992, in Owosso, Shiawassee, Michigan, United States, at the age of 64, and was buried in Fairfield Cemetery, Carland, Shiawassee, Michigan, United States.

Mary S. Wirostek
12-11-1925
Deceased 11-28-2012



John Jones

Mary S. Jones, age 86, of Summerville, SC

Born,
December 11, 1925 in Corunna, Michigan
Died,
November 28, 2012 at Roper Hospital

Funeral Mass,
December 1, 2012 St. John the Beloved Catholic
Church, Summerville, SC
Rite of Committal,
Dorchester Memory Gardens Mausoleum,
Summerville

Active Member of,
St. John the Beloved Catholic Church,
Summerville

Graduate of:
Corunna High School
St. Lawrence School of Nursing in Lansing,
Michigan

Retired,
Registered Nurse

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